

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5398

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2000

Mr. JOHN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED TO VALIDATE LAND**  
4       **TRANSACTIONS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6       sion of law, without further approval, ratification, or au-  
7       thorization by the United States, the Coushatta Tribe of  
8       Louisiana, may lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise

1 transfer all or any part of the Tribe's interest in any real  
2 property that is not held in trust by the United States  
3 for the benefit of the Tribe.

4 (b) TRUST LAND NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this  
5 section is intended or shall be construed to—

6 (1) authorize the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana  
7 to lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise transfer  
8 all or any part of an interest in any real property  
9 that is held in trust by the United States for the  
10 benefit of the Tribe; or

11 (2) affect the operation of any law governing  
12 leasing, selling, conveying, warranting, or otherwise  
13 transferring any interest in such trust land.

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